

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

JEFF HULBERT, et al.,

Plaintiffs

vs.

Civil Action No.

SGT. BRIAN T. POPE, et al.,

1:18-CV-02317 GLR

Defendants

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The deposition of LAKESHIA URICA WESBY was held on Monday, October 21, 2019, commencing at 10:21 a.m., at the Law Offices of Hansel Law P.C., 2514 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218, before R. Dwayne Harrison, a Notary Public.

**Exhibit A**

REPORTED BY: R. Dwayne Harrison

1 your detachment in Annapolis.

2 Am I right about that?

3 **A No, because the major that's in Baltimore**  
4 **is the major over the whole entire detachment.**

5 Q Got it. I think I understand.

6 Now, when you get calls from the staff's,  
7 let's say, by or on behalf of elected and appointed  
8 officials -- that would include their staff, their  
9 aids, their secretaries, that kind of thing, when you  
10 get calls by or on behalf of elected officials that  
11 they'd rather not interact with people on or near  
12 Lawyers Mall, is there a particular rank of person that  
13 you like to forward those to?

14 MR. FREDRICKSON: Objection.

15 MR. MCFARLAND: Objection.

16 Q Like the lieutenant, the sergeant, the  
17 major, the captain? Is there a particular rank?

18 **A Usually the sergeant. It goes to the**  
19 **sergeant.**

20 Q And who is the -- at this point in time, so  
21 now we're -- I'm stepping back into asking you a little

1 bit about the situation with my clients.

2 In February of 2018, who was the sergeant  
3 that you would forward a call like that to?

4 **A It would have been Sergeant Pope.**

5 Q Okay. So in the ordinary course -- we're  
6 going to get to what happened specifically in my  
7 client's situation. But in the ordinary course, if you  
8 got a call like that, you would -- once you understood  
9 the nature of the call, you would say to the caller  
10 please hold, I'd like to forward it to a sergeant.

11 Is that fair?

12 **A Yes.**

13 Q And I take it one of the reasons -- let's  
14 talk about -- again, I may ask you some questions that  
15 are obvious in your field and I apologize, but we're  
16 trying to make sure everybody understands.

17 In a situation where a member of the public  
18 calls and let's suppose the member of the public said  
19 there are people in Lawyers Mall -- on or around  
20 Lawyers Mall that I'd rather not interact with and I'd  
21 like somebody to do something about it, I'm guessing

1 that call from a member of public would not get  
2 forwarded to the sergeant.

3 Am I right about that?

4 **A It would go to the sergeant.**

5 Q Oh, even that?

6 **A Yes.**

7 Q Have you ever had one from a member of the  
8 public?

9 **A No.**

10 Q So we're talking about elected and  
11 appointed officials. Again, as I understand what  
12 you're telling me -- because I'm just trying to make  
13 sure we're talking about the same calls. Going  
14 forward, we're talking about calls from elected and  
15 appointed officials or their staffs or people calling  
16 on their behalf who are aware there are people on or  
17 near Lawyers Mall, don't want to interact with them and  
18 want the police help in either avoiding them or moving  
19 them.

20 Is that -- you've told me that happens,  
21 right?

1           **A       Yes.**

2           Q       All right. I think you told me about twice  
3 a month; is that right?

4           **A       Yes.**

5           Q       All right. So then when those calls come  
6 in, once you ascertain that's the nature of the call,  
7 you forward it to the sergeant; am I right?

8           **A       Yes.**

9           Q       And you've told me you never got a call  
10 like that from the public. It's always by or on behalf  
11 elected or appointed officials?

12          **A       Yes.**

13          Q       And when those calls come in and you  
14 forward them then to the sergeant, but do you have any  
15 more to do with them after that?

16          **A       No. Usually the sergeant can come up and**  
17 **he may say send whoever, whoever our mobile unit is.**

18          Q       And then is it your responsibility to  
19 communicate with the mobile unit or does the sergeant  
20 do that directly or does it sometimes happen that it's  
21 both?

1       **definitely wouldn't want to email.**

2           Q           Sure.

3           A           So we would tell him over the radio or over  
4       **the phone or if they are in the office.**

5           Q           And that's because these types of messages,  
6       when elected or appointed officials or people on their  
7       behalf call about moving or avoiding interaction with  
8       people on or near Lawyers Mall, those types of messages  
9       are treated somewhat urgently by your office; is that  
10      right?

11                   MR. FREDRICKSON:  Objection to the form.

12                   MR. MCFARLAND:  Objection.

13          Q           Is that right?

14          A           **Yes.**

15          Q           In other words, they're too urgent for  
16      email, you said.  You want to get to the sergeant right  
17      away?

18          A           **Yes.**

19          Q           And that's because of the importance of the  
20      people who's calling; is that right?

21          A           **Yes.**

1 Q Now, the --okay. When these types of calls  
2 come in, you said you then interact with the sergeant  
3 in the way you've described and I'll just adopt that,  
4 and then sometimes it's you and sometimes it's the  
5 sergeant who communicates direction to other officers.

6 Do I have that correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And when it is you, I'm guessing, based on  
9 a lot of years of experience, that you just communicate  
10 whatever the sergeant tells you to do; is that fair?

11 A Yes.

12 Q So the sergeant might say to you, for  
13 instance, you know, have somebody go move those people  
14 to another area and you just communicate that to the  
15 officer in the field; is that right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. And that kind of direction certainly  
18 you've received before, right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q All right. And you've received that after  
21 one of these types of calls we're talking about

1 obviously, right?

2 MR. FREDRICKSON: Objection.

3 Q Is that yes?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And so is that the usual approach? Is that  
6 sort of -- you said you get these a couple times a  
7 month.

8 Is that the usual response, to have the  
9 officer in the field move people?

10 MR. FREDRICKSON: Objection.

11 MR. MCFARLAND: Objection.

12 A Yes.

13 Q And then when -- and you've described  
14 sometimes you give that instruction yourself, but only  
15 with -- at the direction of the sworn officer; is that  
16 right?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Fair enough. And then other times that  
19 sworn officer gives the direction and you've either  
20 heard or observed that happen; is that right?

21 A The other sworn officer?



1 Q I'm sorry. Let me slow down. Sure.

2 So when a call of the nature we're  
3 discussing comes in and you communicate it to the  
4 sergeant, we have described I think what happens if the  
5 sergeant tells you to communicate with somebody in the  
6 field and how that happens. You mentioned to me  
7 earlier it can also happen that the sergeant  
8 communicates directly with somebody in the field.

9 And so what I'm asking now is: Have you  
10 observed that communication either by hearing it as you  
11 sit there, seeing it if it's verbal?

12 Have you observed the sergeant  
13 communicating this information to people?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And so since you've observed it, then my  
16 next question is: Is it the same type of direction  
17 that the sergeant sometimes asks you to give, in other  
18 words, let's move those people to another area, that  
19 type of thing?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. All right.